THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 23rd March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Merger of Kurunthudaiyarpuram with Palayamkottai Municipality.

* 1504 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to merge Kurunthudaiyarpuram in Melapálayam Municipality with Palayamkottai Municipality;

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present; and

(*c*) for how long the proposal has been pending?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Preliminary notifications as required under section 4 (1) (*b*) and (*c*) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, have been published for the receipt of objections, if any.

" (*c*) The proposal has been pending with Government since May 1954."

Araniyar Project.

* 1677 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons who are to be dispossessed on account of the execution of the Araniyar Project; and

(*b*) the scheme of the Government to rehabilitate those that are to be dispossessed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) The population affected by the execution of the Araniyar Project in both the Chingleput district of this State and the Chittoor district of the Andhra State is 3,800.

" (*b*) The rehabilitation proposals cover (i) provision of house-sites, lands for agricultural purposes, irrigation channel from the reservoir and drinking water wells, grant of takavi loans